OJØX
MARKET REEF 2011
Suomen Majakkaseura
Finlands Fyrsällskap
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX FOUNDATION, INC.

OJ0X & THOSE FOUR WEEKS IN STORMY SEAS

A 4-week OJ0X operation was to be our modern approach to DXpeditioning with well planned weekly team changes. But Mother Nature put it back to a traditional format with great adventure and fun that an always unpredictable sea can provide.

The first outing got stuck and those who were to build the infrastructure were sent home and the next team took over. All teams had to struggle with the sea and tricky landings as no jetty could withstand the onslaught of the rolling waves. The right place was sought in a sufficiently calm corner of the reef for safe landing.

Testing the men and their ability to cope with team dynamics, everyone had to be responsible not only for himself and his team-mates but also the next team plus the few who had never seen amateur radio in motion sharing the same small quarters. Here the men were separated from the boys.

With our 66.595 QSOs we wanted to do a professionally run show and entertain our audience on radio and, with our daily web postings, share the ups and downs always present in life. www.qrz.com/db/OJ0X

With our SteppIR beam left standing at the lighthouse, you with the right spirit and a sharing and caring approach may be the next one at Market Reef to be caught in the limelight of DXing — being the star of the best show in town. Many have left their heart in their DX location — as we did.

Photos: OH6VM

To Radio: **W9YT**

I´m happy to confirm the following 2-way Qso(s):

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OJ0X, SEA ADVENTURES FOR 66.737 QSOs!

OJ0X RADIO OPERATORS, THE CAST OF 15

Salvatore, DH7SA; Dietmar, DL3DXX; Frank, DL5CW; Timo, OG9X; Olli, OH0XX; Juha, OH1ND; Pekka, OH1TV; Miika, OH2BAD; Martti, OH2BH; Ilmo, OH2BO; Tapani, OH5BM; Harri, OH6VM;Teemu, SM0W; Rick, SM6U and Robert, SP5XVY.

The back office team, those that rarely get recognized: Mario, 9H5QB; Carsten, DL6LAU; Nigel, G3TXF; Jarmo, OH2BN; Pertti, OH2PM; Tore, SM0DZB and Vlad, UA6LV and our brave captain, Mats Sjostrom, plus the Finnish Lighthouse Society's chairman, Pekka Vaisanen and Angela Eriksson, in charge of Market lighthouse. www.majakkaseura.fi/eng/market/

We are grateful for the support of Radio Arcala; Northern California DX Foundation; Robert, SP5XVY; Bob, W9KNI; Mike, K7IR and all our families.

Front:The Finns are proud of their sauna spas. There was a sauna on Market, hiding behind the breakwater, but soon after this picture lost its steam to the rolling waves Left:Capt. Mats Sjostrom, with a sea rescue background, operated his 40 ft. M/S SeFyr with a 450hp engine at 11 knots for safe passage to OJ0X.